



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Auditor-Controller
Chief Deputy Director
of Community and Senior Services
Director of Public Social Services

At its meeting held September 21, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Director of Public Social Services' joint recommendation with the Chief Deputy Director of Community and Senior Services to authorize the Chief Deputy Director of Community and Senior Services to prepare and execute amendments to contracts with ten service providers to extend the current contracts for three months, for provision of Refugee and Immigrant Training and Employment (RITE) services, effective October 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, at an estimated cost of \$1,443,641, fully funded with CalWORKs single allocation; and approve the following related actions:

Instruct the Director of Public Social Services, as recommended in the Auditor-Controller's RITE Contractor Monitoring Status Report provided to the Board on July 30, 2004, to assume responsibility for providing direct case-management services to non-English/non-Spanish speaking RITE participants, effective January 1, 2005;

Authorize the Director Public Social Services to execute amendment to contract with the Los Angeles County Office of Education to provide Orientation and Job Club to non-English/non-Spanish-Speaking participants, effective January 1, 2005; and

Instruct the Director of Public Social Services and the Chief Deputy of Community and Senior Services to work with the Auditor-Controller to recoup overpayments identified in their monitoring reviews of the RITE contractors, as specified in the Auditor-Controller's RITE Contractor Monitoring Status Report.

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Diana Asanian from the International Institute of Los Angeles, Phuc Thai from the Economic and Employment Development Center, Nora L. Ashjian from the Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center and Albert Sy from Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment, and Claudia Finkel addressed the Board.

Tyler McCauley, Auditor-Controller and Bryce Yokimizo, Director of Public Social Services, answered questions posed by the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, and by common consent, there being no objection (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Continued for two weeks to October 5, 2004, the Director of Public Social Services' attached joint recommendation with the Chief Deputy Director of Community and Senior Services with the exception of the portion authorizing the Chief Deputy Director of Community and Senior Services to prepare and execute amendments to contracts with ten service providers to extend the current contracts for three months, for provision of Refugee and Immigrant Training and Employment (RITE) services, effective October 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, at an estimated cost of \$1,443,641, fully funded with CalWORKs single allocation; and
2. Instructed the Auditor-Controller and Director of Public Social Services to report back to the Board within two weeks regarding:
 - a. Development of a pilot project utilizing the most effective RITE providers;
 - b. The number of Department of Public Social Services' personnel with the language capabilities and cultural understanding reflective of the RITE program participants who are being trained and employed through the RITE program; and
 - c. The number of agency employees that will be displaced by shifting responsibility for providing direct case-management services for RITE program participants to the Department of Public Social Services, and the plan for offering employment to these displaced employees into the County system.

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